GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department - Horticulture Department - Gazetted establishment - Finalization of seniority of Joint Directors of Horticulture and Deputy Directors of Horticulture-Orders-Issued.

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Agriculture & Cooperation (H&S) Department

G.O.MS.No. 4 Dated: 10-02-2021.
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.776, Food & Agriculture (Agriculture.I) Dept., dt.15.09.1989.
2. G.O.Ms.No.4, A&C (Horti) Dept., dated 07.01.2011.
3. Govt. Memo No.AGC01-HORT/294/2020-HS, Dt.07.08.2020.
4. From the Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Estt-I(1)08/2020, Dt:07.10.2020.

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ORDER:-

As per the Andhra Pradesh Horticulture Services Rules issued in G.O.2nd read above, the post of Joint Director of Horticulture is constituted as Category-3 and the post of Deputy Director of Horticulture is constituted as Category-4. The post of Joint Director of Horticulture is the feeder category to the Post of Additional Director of Horticulture and the post of Deputy Director of Horticulture is the feeder category to the post of Joint Director of Horticulture in the said rules.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner of Horticulture, AP, Guntur has been requested to communicate the provisional seniority list in the categories of Dy. Director of Horticultural/Joint Director of Horticulture to all the affected persons and dispose the objections received, if any, as per the prescribed procedure and then furnish the final seniority list to the Government for approval.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner of Horticulture, AP, Guntur has submitted that, separate provisional list was communicated to the Joint Directors of Horticulture and Deputy Directors of Horticulture and requested to file their objections if any with relevant reasons/material by 04.09.2020 to take further action otherwise objections may not be considered. The Commissioner of Horticulture, AP, Guntur has forwarded the objections received along with the provisional seniority list in the cadre of Joint Director of Horticulture and Deputy Director of Horticulture and requested the Government to publish the seniority list in the said two cadres for considering promotions of Joint Director of Horticulture and Additional Director of Horticulture.

4. Government have examined the objections raised by the individuals concerned with reference to the replies furnished by the Commissioner of Horticulture, AP, Guntur in the reference 4th read above and hereby rejected as indicated in the Annexure-I appended to this order.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby approve and finalize the seniority list in the cadre of Joint Directors of Horticulture and Deputy Directors of Horticulture of the Department of Horticulture, as furnished by the Commissioner of Horticulture, AP, Guntur and appended as Annexure-II and Annexure-III to this order.

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6. This order is subject to outcome of OA's/WP's pending, if any, in APAT/Hon'ble High Court.

7. The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur is requested to take further necessary accordingly, in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationary & Stores Purchase (Publication wing), Satyanarayanapuram, Vijayawada (with a request to publish the G.O.in the extra-ordinary issue of A.P. Gazette and furnish copies)
The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur.
The individuals through Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P, Guntur.
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Annexure-I
(G.O.Ms.No.4, A&C (H&S) Dept., Dt.10.02.2021)

Sl. No.	Objections raised	Clarification
1.	Sri K.Saja Naik, D.D.H/P.D, APMIP, Eluru has submitted that he belongs to ST category, but without following the Rule of Reservation issued in G.O.No.5, 21, 2, 16 and 154, certain Dy. Directors were already promoted as Joint Directors according to the general seniority of Dy. Director ignoring his case. That the sanctioned strength of various designated posts in the category of Joint Director of Horticulture is more than 5 and Rule of Reservation is applicable considering promotion of Dy. Director of Horticulture as Joint Director of Horticulture as per the orders in force and hence to consider his case against roster pont-8 ST under Rule-22 of A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996 with retrospective effect notionally.	As per G.O.Ms.No.2, Social Welfare (SW.RoR-I) Dept., Dt.9-1-2004, reservation in promotions in favour of Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes shall be implemented to all the categories of posts, in all services whose total cadre strength is more than five. But there are only two regular posts (sanctioned cadre strength) of Joint Director of Horticulture in the Department of Horticulture. Remaining posts are deputation posts. Hence, the Rule of Reservation is not applicable. The objection of Sri K.Saja Naik is therefore rejected.
2.	Sri B.Ravindra Babu, D.D.H/P.D, APMIP, Ongole has submitted that, his date of joining as Dy. Director of Horticulture was wrongly recorded as 11-7-2016 instead of 15-7-2016 and requested to rectify.	Verified and rectified
3.	Sri B.S.Subba Rayudu, D.D.H/P.D, APMIP, Aanthapuram has submitted that, certain departmental officers who have not passed departmental tests within the period of probation in the cadre of Horticulture Officers were considered from original date of appointment and promoted as Asst.Director of Horticulture and Dy.Director of Horticulture against to Rule-16(e) of APS&SS Rules, 1996. To consider his seniority from the date of joining against the post of Asst. Director of Horticulture as per Government orders and to fix separate ratio for direct recruits and promotees in promotion of Dy. Director of Horticulture and Joint Director of Horticulture.	After issue of the special rules department has taken up the recruitment of Horticulture Officers on regular basis from 1990 onwards. As per Rules in force, the dates of regularization were revised in respect of those Horticulture Officers who did not pass the requisite departmental tests during the probation period. However, subsequent to Hon'ble APAT orders dated 17.02.2004 in O.A.No.5274 /2000 and batch cases and as per directions of Hon'ble High Court orders dated 23.07.2008 in W.P.No.3171 /2006, filed by Govt., the seniority of Horticulture Officers was finalized as per original date of regularization in the cadre of Horticulture Officer in relaxation of Rule-16 (h) of APS&SS Rules and promotions were effected from Horticulture Officer to Asst. Director of Horticulture

		during the panel year 2008-09. As per the A.P. Horticulture Service Rules there is no separate ratio in promotions in the cadre of Dy. Director of Horticulture and Joint Director of Horticulture for Direct recruits and promotees. The objection of Sri B.S.Subba Rayudu is not tenable and rejected
4.	Sri P.Hanumantha Rao, J.D.H, O/o. CHAP, Guntur has submitted (24) pages objections as follows:- i) While reviewing the panel of Horticulture Officers for promotions to the cadre of Asst. Director of Horticulture for the year 1997-98 to eliminate the ineligible candidates as per the directions of the Hon'ble APAT, even the number of vacancies have been meddled with un-authorized only with an intention to eliminate his empanelment and against the instructions contained in G.O.Ms.No.187, GAD and his appeal to Government in this regard is still pending. Till now there is no final seniority list in the category of Asst. Director of Horticulture and therefore to finalize the seniority in the cadre of Dy. Director of Horticulture/Joint Director of Horticulture would be a mirage on the part of the department. Hence the Department should first finalize the seniority list of Asst. Director of Horticulture and thereafter resort to prepare/finalize the seniority of next higher cadres of Dy. Director of Horticulture/ Joint Director of Horticulture which would be an ideal exercise. ii) For arriving substantial vacancies in DRDA and SC Corporation have to be added. Hence wrong calculation on vacancies substantial and year wise has to be correctly worked out as such he will be included in 1997-98 or 1998-99 panel. iii) He is eligible from the date of working as Asst. Director of Horticulture as per G.O.Ms.No.66 also. At present the issue was finalized and there was no dispute, as per Hon'ble High Court orders seniority issue was finalized at Horticulture Officer level and the notional seniority as per the orders of Government the seniority of Asst.Director of Horticulture and Dy.Director of Horticulture level was pending.	In pursuance of the Hon'ble High Court orders in W.P.No.3171/2006, dated 23.07.2008, the services of Horticulture Officers appointed during the period of 1990- 1994 were regularized duly relaxing Rule- 16(h) of APS&SS Rules and Rule-10 of APHS Rules, 1989 as a special case and their seniority was fixed in the cadre of Horticulture Officer w.e.f their original date of regularization and promotions were given from the category of Horticulture Officer to Asst.Director of Horticulture during the year 2009. Sri P.Hanumantha Rao while working as Dy.Director of Horticulture, O/o.CHAP, Guntur has filed the O.A. No. 60/2016 and O.A. No. 1879 /2016 in the Hon'ble APAT with regard to seniority and review of panels. In pursuance of Hon'ble High Court orders dated 24.10.2017 in Writ Petition No.21571 of 2017 filed by the Govt., against the common orders dated 14.02.2017 in OA.No.60/2016 and OA.No. 1879/2016, filed by Sri P.Hanumantha Rao, the Commissioner of Horticulture has placed the proposals before the screening committee for review and to revise the panel of 1997- 98 and approval of the panels from 1998-99 to 2007-08 for considering the promotions of Horticulture Officer to Asst. Directors of Horticulture, duly deleting (10) ineligible Horticulture Officers from the seniority list. In the original panel, (23)

	iv) He stated that, the Government accorded permission to effect adhoc promotions in category of Asst. Director of Horticulture on temporary/adhoc basis but the Commissioner of Horticulture have not implemented the same. As per orders adhoc promotions has to be issued. In his representation, he has mentioned the Lr.No.Estt-1263/2004, Dt.21-8-2004 of A&C Department v) Finally, he has informed that, though the APAT had directed to review the panel to eliminate the ineligible candidates the authorities have reviewed the panel but reduced the number of vacancies from 23+2 to 22+2. The action of the authorities is meddling with the vacancies, which is not only beyond the tenor of the orders of the APAT, but also against the spirit of the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.187, dt..25-4-1985 read with G.O.Ms.No.62, dt. 08-2-1989. Non- inclusion of his name in the said panel by reducing the number of vacancies is not only against the principles laid down in the above G.Os but also against the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.66, A&C, Dt.18-2-2009 read with the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.354, GAD, dt.11-5-1990. (vi). Hence, he has submitted that the draft seniority prepared and circulated is not in accordance with the various submissions and orders referred in his representation and therefore his seniority may kindly be fixed following the rules and principles in a proper perspective.	posts were proposed including (4) Dy.Director of Horticulture posts during the panel year 1997-98. While preparing the review DPC proposals the vacancies were worked out and (22) vacancies of Asst. Director of Horticulture was identified for promotion during the panel year 1997-98, duly deleting the (4) posts of Dy. Director of Horticulture included in the original DPC. In the review DPC panel, the name of Sri P.Hanumantha Rao is not included, as he did not figure in the seniority list. As per the orders of Hon'ble APAT and High Court, vacancies were worked out from 1998-99 onwards as per quota-rota and the posts of S.C.Corporation and DRDA were not taken into account as the posts are not sanctioned cadre posts of Horticulture Department. The screening committee in its meeting held on 13-4-2018 has approved the year wise panels from 1998-99 to 2007-08. Speaking order was issued to him informing that the applicant i.e., Sri P Hanumantha Rao, Dy.Director of Horticulture in O.A.No.60/2016 does not figure in the list of (24) Horticulture Officers recommended for promotion to the post of Asst. Director of Horticulture during the panel year 1997-98 and his name was covered for promotion to the post of Asst. Director of Horticulture during the panel year 2007-08 against the vacancy arised which is meant for promotee quota as per quota-rota rule. The Hon'ble APAT has closed the C.A.No.200/2017 in O.A No.60/2016 filed by Sri P.Hanumantha Rao. DDH on 09.10.2018,based on the affidavit filed by the Govt. Subsequently, posting orders were issued to (6) Dy. Directors of Horticulture as Joint Director of Horticulture whose names were cleared by the DPC during the panel year 2015- 16. Subsequently, during the

		panel year 2018-19, the name of Sri P.Hanumantha Rao along with other (3) DDH for promotion as JDH was included and posting orders were issued vide G.O.Ms. No.51 to 54, Agri & Coop (H&S) Dept., Dt.22-5-2019. **That the applicant has accepted the promotion order and joined as Joint Director of Horticulture without raising any objection at that time.** **The Objections of Sri P.Hanumantha Rao are not tenable and therefore rejected.**
5.	Smt D.Uma Devi, D.D.H/P.D, APMIP, Kurnool & Smt N.Sujatha, D.D.H, Guntur have submitted that, the Secretary to Govt., Social Welfare Department in Circular Memo No.SOW 01-STMTOCOUM/5/RoR/2020, Dt.18-3 -2020 have issued the instructions on implementation of Rule of Reservation in promotions in respect of SC/ST to the extent of 15% and 6% respectively in each category and to review the promotions given to employees w.e.f 1-9-2011, strictly in accordance to the common orders of High Court dt.11-12-2018 wherever specific complaints/ representations have been received, if any stating that the promotions were given without doing the exercise on the adequacy of SCs/STs as specified in the G.O.Ms.No.5, Dt.14-2-2003, G.O.Ms.No.21, Dt.18-3-2003 and G.O.Ms.No.26, Dt.20-2-2009. It was also clarified that the effected parties shall be afforded an opportunity of herein in the process of such review. That their juniors by name Smt L.Vajrasri, Dy.Director of Horticulture, Kadapa (Seniority list-24) Sri B.Ravindra Babu (Seniority list-26) Sri K.Saja Naik (Seniority list-28) were promoted without observing the Government instructions and reservations. Hence they have requested to review seniority list a fresh according to initial recruitment based w.e.f 1-9-2011.	Smt. L.Vajrasri was promoted as Dy.Director of Horticulture during the panel year 2012-13, Sri B.Ravindra Babu and Sri K.Saja Naik were promoted as Dy.Director of Horticulture during the panel year 2015-16. While giving promotions, department has followed the Consequential seniority and observed adequacy of SC/ST as per the Rule. Further, Smt D.Uma Devi and Smt N. Sujatha were promoted as Dy.Director of Horticulture during the panel year 2017-18. The objection of Smt D.Uma Devi and Smt N.Sujatha is not tenable and therefore rejected.
6.	Sri M.G.Devamuni Reddy, J.D.H has requested not to consider any objection filed by Sri P.Hanumantha Rao as his objections are baseless, green eyed and with mollified intensions.	No remarks.

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Annexure-II

G.O.Ms.No.4, A&C (H&S) Department, dated.10.02.2021

SENIORITY LIST IN THE CADRE OF JOINT DIRECTORS OF HORTICULTURE

Sl. No.	Name of the Joint Director of Horticulture **Sarvasri**	Place of working	Social Status	Date of birth	Native District	Date of joining as		Status in the category of J.D.H	Remarks
						D.D.H	J.D.H		
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**
1	K.Balaji Naik	Joint Director of Horticulture working against the post of Addl. Director of Horticulture, O/o CHAP, Guntur	ST	01-06-1965	Kurnool	25-11-2011	23-10-2018	AP	Seniority as per Feeder category
2	C.B.Harinatha Reddy	Project Officer, APMIP, O/o Commissioner of Horticulture	OC	01-08-1978	YSR Kadapa	28-11-2011	23-10-2018	AP	
3	M.Venkateswarlu	Joint Director of Horticulture O/o Commissioner of Horticulture	OC	01-03-1967	SPSR Nellore	01-12-2011	23-10-2018	AP	
4	M.K.V.Srinivasulu	Project Director, DRDA, Kurnool	SC	25-08-1974	SPSR Nellore	01-12-2011	23-10-2018	AP	
5	M.G.Deva Muni Reddy	General Manager, APUGBCL, MA&UD	OC	01-06-1972	YSR Kadapa	01-12-2011	23-10-2018	AP	
6	Ch.Pulla Reddy	OSD to Secretary, Hon'ble Chief Minister of A.P	OC	02-05-1978	Prakasam	01-12-2011	23-10-2018	AP	
7	M.Ashok Kumar	Joint Secretary, A.P.Social Welfare Residential Education Institution Society	SC	08-10-1978	Srikakulam	05-12-2011	23-05-2019	P	
8	Y.V.S.Prasad	OSD, O/o Project Officer, APMIP, Guntur	OC	06-06-1966	Kurnool	05-12-2011	01-06-2019	P	
9	T.Saraswathi	OSD, O/o Project Officer, APMIP, Guntur	SC	06-01-1962	Chittoor	19-01-2012	01-06.2019	P	
10	P.Hanumantha Rao	Joint Director of Horticulture, O/o CHAP, Guntur	BC	07-01-1965	Prakasam	01-12-2011	23-05-2019	P	

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Annexure-III

G.O.Ms.No.4, A&C (H&S) Department, dated.10.02.2021

SENIORITY LIST IN THE CADRE OF DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF HORTICULTURE

Sl No.	Name of the Joint Director of Horticulture **Sarvasri**	Place of working	Social Status	Date of birth	Native District	Date of joining as D.D.H	Status in the category of D.D.H	Remarks
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**
1	K.Balaji Naik	Joint Director of Horticulture working against the post of Addl.Director of Horticulture, O/o CHAP, Guntur	ST	01-06-1965	Kurnool	25-11-2011	AP	Seniority as per Feeder category.
2	C.B.Harinatha Reddy	Project Officer, APMIP, O/o Commissioner of Horticulture	OC	01-08-1978	YSR Kadapa	28-11-2011	AP	
3	M.Venkateswarlu	Joint Director of Horticulture O/o Commissioner of Horticulture	OC	01-03-1967	SPSR Nellore	01-12-2011	AP	
4	M.K.V.Srinivasulu	Project Director, DRDA, Kurnool	SC	25-08-1974	SPSR Nellore	01-12-2011	AP	
5	M.G.Deva Muni Reddy	General Manager, APUGBCL, MA&UD	OC	01-06-1972	YSR Kadapa	01-12-2011	AP	
6	Ch.Pulla Reddy	OSD to Secretary, Hon'ble Chief Minister of A.P	OC	02-05-1978	Prakasam	01-12-2011	AP	
7	M.Ashok Kumar	Joint Secretary, A.P.Social Welfare Residential Education Institution Society	SC	08-10-1978	Srikakulam	05-12-2011	AP	
8	Y.V.S.Prasad	OSD, O/o Project Officer, APMIP, Guntur	OC	06-06-1966	Kurnool	05-12-2011	AP	
9	T.Saraswathi	OSD, O/o Project Officer, APMIP, Guntur	SC	06-01-1962	Chittoor	19-01-2012	AP	
10	P.Hanumantha Rao	Joint Director of Horticulture, O/o CHAP, Guntur	BC	07-01-1965	Prakasam	01-12-2011	AP	
11	Y.Vidyashankar	OSD to Spl.Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister	OC	15-06-1961	Guntur	05-12-2011	AP	

12	T.V.Subba Rao	Dy.Director of Horticulture, Eluru	OC	12-02-1965	Chittoor	26-11-2011	AP	
13	K.Jayachandra Reddy	Project Director, APMIP, Eluru	OC	20-05-1961	Chittoor	01-12-2011	AP	
14	B.Pandu ranga	Project Director, APMIP, Vizianagaram	OC	15-01-1962	Guntur	05-12-2011	AP	
15	S.Rama Mohan	Project Director, APMIP, East Godavari	BC-D	21-08-1966	Vizianagaram	30-11-2011	P	
16	P.N.V.Laxminarayana	District Tourism & Culture Officer, Vizianagaram	BC-D	03-08-1968	Visakhapatnam	31-05-2012	AP	
17	K.Srinivasulu	Dy.Director of Horticulture, O/o CHAP, Guntur	OC	01-10-1965	Kurnool	31-08-2013	AP	
18	V.S.Dharmaja	Dy.Director of Horticulture, MIDH, O/o CHAP, Guntur	SC	01-01-1967	Prakasam	02-09-2013	AP	
19	B.S.Subbarayudu	Project Director, APMIP, Ananthapuram	BC-B	01-06-1963	Kurnool	2-9-2013 AN	AP	
20	B.Padmavathamma	Project Director, APMIP, Guntur	OC	02-07-1965	Prakasam	02-09-2013	AP	
21	P.V.S.Ravi Kumar	Project Director, APMIP, Krishna	OC	30-08-1967	East Godavari	7-9-2013 AN	AP	
22	R.Srinivasa Rao	Dy.Director of Horticulture, Vizianagaram	BC-D	04-06-1966	Vizianagaram	02-9-2013	AP	
23	P.Padmalatha	Dy.Director of Horticulture, Aannthapuram	BC-B	05-04-1966	Nellore	02-9-2013	AP	
24	L.Vajrasree	Dy.Director of Horticulture, Kadapa	SC	30-01-1968	Vizianagaram	02-9-2013	AP	
25	Ch.Padmavathi	Dy.Director of Horticulture, O/o CHAP, Guntur	OC	01-03-1968	Guntur	30-8-2013	AP	
26	B.Ravindra Babu	Project Director, APMIP, Prakasam	SC	07-07-1964	Krishna	15-07-2016	P	
27	A.V.S.V.Jamadagni	Project Director, APMIP, Srikakulam	OC	01-03-1968	Hyderabad	09-07-2016	P	

28	K.Saja Naik	Project Director, APMIP, Eluru, W.G District	ST	01-06-1970	Prakasam	11-07-2016	P	
29	D.Madhusudhan Reddy	Project Director, APMIP, Kadapa	OC	01-01-1964	Chittoor	24-06-2016	P	
30	I.J.Micheal Rajeev	Dy.Project Director, ATMA, Kadapa	BC	27-06-1962	Kurnool	05-07-2016	P	
31	D.Uma Devi	Project Director, APMIP, Kurnool	OC	01-07-1968	Kurnool	05-07-2018	P	
32	R.Himabindu	Dy.Director of Horticulture, O/o CHAP, Guntur	OC	27-06-1968	West Godavari	05-07-2018	P	
33	N.Sujatha	Dy.Director of Horticulture, Guntur	OC	10-08-1968	East Godavari	16-07-2018	P	
34	P.M.Subhani	Project Director, APMIP, Nellore	OC	17-06-1964	Prakasam	07-07-2018	P	
35	B.Subrahmanyam	Dy.Director of Horticulture, APIILIP, CADA, Vijayawada	BC-B	10-07-1964	Prakasam	02-07-2018	P	
36	K.Gopi Kumar	Project Director, APMIP, Visakhapatnam	BC	02-05-1967	West Godavari	09-07-2018	P	
37	B.Srinivasulu	Dy.Director of Horticulture, Chittoor	SC	29-06-1966	Kurnool	09-07-2018	P	
38	D.Ramesh	OSD, O/o Project Officer, APMIP, Guntur	OC	01-07-1966	Nellore	05-07-2018	P	

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